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1. After the agreement reached by Marshal Tito and Premier Georgi Dimitrov some time ago, the Government of the Republic of Yugoslav Macedonia sent teachers into Bulgarian Macedonia (i.e. the Pirin) to give instruction in the "Macedonian language". The association of book dealers in Skoplje published textbooks for instruction in "Macedonian". These books were used in the Pirin, and bookstores had been established for their sale there.

2. Now the Sixteenth Congress of the Fatherland Front has decided to deport these teachers on the ground that they are really ignorant of the "Macedonian language" and are teaching a "Serbized Macedonian"; furthermore these teachers are accused of being uneducated and secret agents of Tito.

3. All the teachers have been deported, and the bookstores have been closed. The books and newspapers in some cases have been burned at official ceremonies.

4. The circulation of the newspaper Borba has been forbidden in Bulgaria; the same prohibition applies to the Skoplje newspapers Nea Makedonia, Neos Agonistis, and Skapanefs (sic).

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